

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

MIDDLEBOROUGH HOUSING AUTHORITY

January 2002

5 Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2002 – 2005
Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2002

**PHA Plan
Agency Identification**

PHA Name: MIDDLEBOROUGH HOUSING AUTHORITY

PHA Number: MA-060

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: 1/2002

Public Access to Information

Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting:

**Middleborough Housing Authority
Main Administrative Offices
8 Benton Street
Middleboro, Mass. 02346-0502**

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

The PHA Plans (including attachments) are available for public inspection at:

Middleborough Housing Authority
Main Administrative Offices
8 Benton Street
Middleboro, Mass. 02346-0502

Middleboro Public Library

5-YEAR PLAN
PHA FISCAL YEARS 2000 - 2004
[24 CFR Part 903.5]

A. Mission

To promote and maintain affordable rental and home-ownership housing opportunities that are well-designed and consistent with market standards, cost effective to maintain, and provide a residential environment for households and individuals of low and moderate income that is supportive of household economic development, household independence and integrated in all senses of the term.

B. Goals

1. Continue to strive to met local housing needs, through community partnerships

A. It is a goal of the Middleborough Housing Authority to continue to evaluate the housing needs of its community on a periodic basis through its continued involvement with community leaders and planners. The Middleboro Housing Authority will seek funding available through State, Federal and private sources, which would provide rental assistance or affordable homeownership opportunities. The Authority will review and consider any and all housing initiatives, endeavors or partnerships presented by other public and private entities as they are presented, to determine if they are appropriate and consistent with the Town of Middleboro's and Authority objectives and goals.

2. Increase voucher payment standards and encourage more landlords in Middleboro to participate in the Section 8 Program so that 100% of the Program utilization is within the Town borders.

A. The Authority has established a payment standard at 110%.

B. The Authority will work with real estate agents, the Chamber of Commerce, lending Institutions and other local organizations to encourage landlords to participate in the Section 8 Program.

- C. Promote a Shared Housing Program as permitted under Section 8 Program Regulations which permits the Authority to provide rental assistance at the bedroom level. This should assist elders and certain individuals with a disability in finding and/or remaining in supportive housing situations.

3. Develop a Section 8 Voucher Homeownership Program

- A. The Authority will attempt to begin discussions with other LHA'S who may be interested in establishing a Homeownership program about forming a "consortium" to develop a partnership with the Town and local lending institutions subject to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) requirements to design a program whereby participants in the MHA'S Section 8 Program can enter a "First-time Home Buyer's Program". This program will be targeted to assist between 5 and 10 households in the next five years.
- B. The Authority will identify other small housing agencies in the area with which it can Partner to obtain home-ownership counseling and other services to assist employed Section 8 Program participants to qualify for a mortgage as a first time home-owner.
- C. Seek funds in conjunction with the Town from the Department of Housing and Community Development's Small Cities Program to promote homeownership Opportunities for low and moderate income households.

4. Increase Local Utilization of the Section 8 Program

- A. Establish a non-profit (501(c)3) subsidiary of the Authority within the next 24 to 36 months.
- B. Establish a Project-based Voucher Program pursuant to 24 CFR 983 for up to 20% of the agency's current portfolio of Section 8. This program permits the conversion tenant-based rental subsidies to unit-based rental subsidies. These rental subsidies can be made available on a competitive basis to local developers who are interested in having a low income component to their project or be used by the Authority's non-profit for developments to be owned and operated by the Authority. The Authority will give priority to units that require less than \$1,000 per unit in rehabilitation.

5. Ensure Equal Opportunity in Housing

- A. The Authority will use its role in the community to inform local landlords and businesses of the importance of diversity in housing and how to avoid unintentional discrimination under all applicable nondiscrimination requirements, such as the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1937, and Title II of the Americans with Disability Act.

- B. The Authority will work with the Town and other community organizations to Increase the supply of wheelchair accessible housing both for rental and home-ownership opportunities and/or provide a better match between actual need and current supply. The key objective is to assist those with physical limitations to remain in the community and to be able to participate in the community in meaningful ways.

Annual PHA Plan
PHA Fiscal Year 2002
[24 CFR Part 903.7]

i. Annual Plan Type:

The Middleborough Housing Authority is submitting a Streamlined Plan as a Section 8 Only Agency.

ii. Executive Summary of the Annual PHA Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

In lieu of an Executive Summary, this section is intended to serve as the Progress Report on Middleboro Housing Authority's goals as described in the past year's Annual and Five Year Plan.

The Authority continues to focus its attention on program management including SEMAP and the issue of program utilization. Methods of increasing utilization in Middleboro will continue as long as the number of subsidies used outside of our Community remains at a high level (roughly 1/3 of the program). This issue continues to remain a high priority with the Authority.

A major distraction over the past years has been the lawsuit of which The MHA is one of a group of agencies on the South Shore who are involved. This suit, which pertains to a coordinated waiting list reopening, continues to drain agency resources.

The Authority is in the process of preparing to re-establish its waiting list during this fiscal year so that we may be able to issue vouchers to additional households for housing search. We are also looking at the possibility of using the ability to convert tenant-based assistance into project-based assistance as a means to increase utilization.

The Authority is also planning to participate in the Mass NAHRO Centralized Waiting List for the Section 8 Voucher Program as soon as it is operational.

iii. Annual Plan Table of Contents

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

Provide a table of contents for the Annual Plan, including attachments, and a list of supporting documents available for public inspection.

Table of Contents		<u>Page #</u>
Annual Plan		
i.	Executive Summary	1
ii.	Table of Contents	2
1.	Housing Needs	6
2.	Financial Resources	12
3.	Policies on Eligibility, Selection and Admissions	13
4.	Rent Determination	18
5.	Operations and Management Policies	20
6.	Grievance Procedures	22
7.	Capital Improvement Needs	22
8.	Demolition and Disposition	22
9.	Designation of Housing	22
10.	Conversions of Public Housing	22
11.	Homeownership	23
12.	Community Service	24
13.	Crime and Safety	27
14.	Pets (Inactive for January 1 PHAs)	28
15.	Civil Rights Certifications (included with PHA Plan Certifications)	29
16.	Audit	30
17.	Asset Management	31
18.	Other Information	32

Attachments

Indicate which attachments are provided by selecting all that apply. Provide the attachment's name (A, B, etc.) in the space to the left of the name of the attachment. Note: If the attachment is provided as a **SEPARATE** file submission from the PHA Plans file, provide the file name in parentheses in the space to the right of the title.

Required Attachments:

- ☐ Admissions Policy for Deconcentration
☐ FY 2000 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement
☐ Most recent board-approved operating budget (Required Attachment for PHAs that are troubled or at risk of being designated troubled ONLY)

Optional Attachments:

- ☐ PHA Management Organizational Chart
☐ FY 2000 Capital Fund Program 5 Year Action Plan
☐ Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) Plan
☐ Comments of Resident Advisory Board or Boards (must be attached if not included in PHA Plan text)
☐ Other (List below, providing each attachment name)

Supporting Documents Available for Review

Indicate which documents are available for public review by placing a mark in the "Applicable & On Display" column in the appropriate rows. All listed documents must be on display if applicable to the program activities conducted by the PHA.

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
X	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Fair Housing Documentation: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located (which includes the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)) and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
N/A	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources;

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
N/A	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
N/A	Public Housing Deconcentration and Income Mixing Documentation: 1. PHA board certifications of compliance with deconcentration requirements (section 16(a) of the US Housing Act of 1937, as implemented in the 2/18/99 <i>Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act Initial Guidance; Notice</i> and any further HUD guidance) and 2. Documentation of the required deconcentration and income mixing analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
N/A	Public housing rent determination policies, including the methodology for setting public housing flat rents <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
N/A	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
N/A	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
N/A	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
N/A	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for the active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
N/A	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grant	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
N/A	Most recent, approved 5 Year Action Plan for the Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program, if not included as an attachment (provided at PHA option)	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
N/A	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans or any other approved proposal for development of public housing	Annual Plan: Capital Needs

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Applicable Plan Component
N/A	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
N/A	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans)	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
N/A	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
N/A	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership
To Be Developed	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Homeownership
N/A	Any cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
N/A	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
N/A	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
N/A	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) semi-annual performance report for any open grant and most recently submitted PHDEP application (PHDEP Plan)	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
X	The most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
N/A	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs
None	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)

1. Statement of Housing Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (a)]

A. Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction/s Served by the PHA

- B. Based upon the information contained in the Consolidated Plan/s applicable to the jurisdiction, and/or other data available to the PHA, provide a statement of the housing needs in the jurisdiction by completing the following table. In the "Overall" Needs column, provide the estimated number of renter families that have housing needs. For the remaining characteristics, rate the impact of that factor on the housing needs for each family type, from 1 to 5, with 1 being "no impact" and 5 being "severe impact." Use N/A to indicate that no information is available upon which the PHA can make this assessment.

Housing Needs of Families in the Jurisdiction By Family Type							
Family Type	Overall	Afford- ability	Supply	Quality	Access- ibility	Size	Loca- tion
Income <= 30% of AMI	525 8.66%	5	5	3	3	2	2
Income >30% but <=50% of AMI	157 2.59%	5	5	3	3	2	2
Income >50% but <80% of AMI	186 3.07%	4	4	3	3	2	2
Elderly	18.4%	3	4	3	3	3	3
Families with Disabilities	4.85%	4	4	3	3	1	1
White	97.4%	2	2	2	2	2	2
Black	1.12%	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hispanic	.92%	2	2	2	2	2	2
American Indian	.57%	2	2	2	2	2	2

What sources of information did the PHA use to conduct this analysis? (Check all that apply; all materials must be made available for public inspection.)

- ☒ Consolidated Plan of the Jurisdiction/s
Indicate year: 1986
- ☒ U.S. Census data: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy
("CHAS") dataset
- ☐ American Housing Survey data
Indicate year:
- ☐ Other housing market study
Indicate year:
- ☒ Other sources: (list and indicate year of information)
State Data Center, Mass. Institute for Social and Economic Research (MISER),
University of Massachusetts/Amherst

B. Housing Needs of Families on the Public Housing and Section 8 Tenant- Based Assistance Waiting Lists

State the housing needs of the families on the P's waiting list/s. **Complete one table for each type of PHA-wide waiting list administered by the PHA.** PHAs may provide separate tables for site-based or sub-jurisdictional public housing waiting lists at their option.

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Waiting list type: (select one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 tenant-based assistance		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Housing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combined Section 8 and Public Housing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Housing Site-Based or sub-jurisdictional waiting list (optional)		
If used, identify which development/subjurisdiction:			
	# of families	% of total families	Annual Turnover
Waiting list total	20		
Extremely low income <=30% AMI	18	90%	
Very low income (>30% but <=50% AMI)	2	10%	
Low income (>50% but <80% AMI)	0		
		0	
Families with children	19	95%	
Elderly families	0	0	
Families with Disabilities	0	0	
Caucasian	5	25%	
Afro/American	11	55%	
Asian	0	.5%	
American Indian	1	.5%	
Characteristics by Bedroom Size (Public Housing			

Housing Needs of Families on the Waiting List			
Only)			
1B			
2 BR			
3 BR			
4 BR			
5 BR			
5+ BR			
Is the waiting list closed (select one)? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes: How long has it been closed (36 Months). Does the PHA expect to reopen the list in the PHA Plan year? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Does the PHA permit specific categories of families onto the waiting list, even if generally closed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			

C. Strategy for Addressing Needs

Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list **IN THE UPCOMING YEAR**, and the Agency's reasons for ☐ choosing this strategy.

(1) Strategies

Need: Shortage of affordable housing for all eligible populations

Strategy 1. Maximize the number of affordable units available to the PHA within its current resources by:

Select all that apply

- ☐ Employ effective maintenance and management policies to minimize the number of public housing units off-line
- ☐ Reduce turnover time for vacated public housing units
- ☐ Reduce time to renovate public housing units
- ☐ Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through mixed finance development
- ☐ Seek replacement of public housing units lost to the inventory through section 8 replacement housing resources
- ☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by establishing payment standards that will enable families to rent throughout the jurisdiction
- ☐ Undertake measures to ensure access to affordable housing among families assisted by the PHA, regardless of unit size required.
- ☐ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by marketing the program to owners, particularly those outside of areas of minority and poverty concentration

- ☒ Maintain or increase section 8 lease-up rates by effectively screening Section 8 applicants to increase owner acceptance of program
- ☐ Participate in the Consolidated Plan development process to ensure coordination with broader community strategies
- ☐ Other (list below)

Strategy 2: Increase the number of affordable housing units by:

Select all that apply

- ☐ Apply for additional section 8 units should they become available
- ☒ Leverage affordable housing resources in the community through the creation of mixed - finance housing
- ☐ Pursue housing resources other than public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance.
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 30% of median

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 30 % of AMI

Select all that apply

- ☐ Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing
- ☐ Exceed HUD federal targeting requirements for families at or below 30% of AMI in tenant-based section 8 assistance
- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families with economic hardships
- ☒ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: Families at or below 50% of median

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to families at or below 50% of AMI

Select all that apply

- ☐ Employ admissions preferences aimed at families who are working
- ☒ Adopt rent policies to support and encourage work
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Need: Specific Family Types: The Elderly

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to the elderly:

Select all that apply

- ☐ Seek designation of public housing for the elderly
- ☒ Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to the elderly, should they become available
- ☒ Other: (list below)
Market Section 8 Program to the elderly

Need: Specific Family Types: Families with Disabilities

Strategy 1: Target available assistance to Families with Disabilities:

Select all that apply

- ☐ Seek designation of public housing for families with disabilities
- ☐ Carry out the modifications needed in public housing based on the section 504 Needs Assessment for Public Housing
- ☐ Apply for special-purpose vouchers targeted to families with disabilities, should they become available
- ☐ Affirmatively market to local non-profit agencies that assist families with disabilities
- ☒ Other: (list below)
Establish Shared Housing Program

Need: Specific Family Types: Races or ethnicities with disproportionate housing needs

Strategy 1: Increase awareness of PHA resources among families of races and ethnicities with disproportionate needs:

Select if applicable

- ☐ Affirmatively market to races/ethnicities shown to have disproportionate housing needs
- ☐ Other: (list below)

Strategy 2: Conduct activities to affirmatively further fair housing

Select all that apply

- ☐ Counsel section 8 tenants as to location of units outside of areas of poverty or minority concentration and assist them to locate those units
- ☐ Market the section 8 program to owners outside of areas of poverty /minority concentrations
- ☒ Other: (list below)

Continue through the Section 8 Program to promote and educate Landlords and participants of their rights and obligations under the Fair Housing Act.

Other Housing Needs & Strategies: (list needs and strategies below)

(2) Reasons for Selecting Strategies

Of the factors listed below, select all that influenced the PHA's selection of the strategies it will pursue:

- ☒ Funding constraints
- ☒ Staffing constraints
- ☐ Limited availability of sites for assisted housing
- ☐ Extent to which particular housing needs are met by other organizations in the community
- ☐ Evidence of housing needs as demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan and other information available to the PHA
- ☒ Influence of the housing market on PHA programs
- ☒ Community priorities regarding housing assistance
- ☐ Results of consultation with local or state government
- ☐ Results of consultation with residents and the Resident Advisory Board
- ☐ Results of consultation with advocacy groups
- ☐ Other: (list below)

2. Statement of Financial Resources

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (b)]

List the financial resources that are anticipated to be available to the PHA for the support of Federal public housing and tenant-based Section 8 assistance programs administered by the PHA during the Plan year. Note: the table assumes that Federal public housing or tenant based Section 8 assistance grant funds are expended on eligible purposes; therefore, uses of these funds need not be stated. For other funds, indicate the use for those funds as one of the following categories: public housing operations, public housing capital improvements, public housing safety/security, public housing supportive services, Section 8 tenant-based assistance, Section 8 supportive services or other.

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
1. Federal Grants (FY 2000 grants)		
a) Public Housing Operating Fund	N/A	
b) Public Housing Capital Fund	N/A	
c) HOPE VI Revitalization	N/A	
d) HOPE VI Demolition	N/A	
e) Annual Contributions for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance	\$1,132,518.	
f) Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (including any Technical Assistance funds)	N/A	
g) Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Grants	N/A	
h) Community Development Block Grant	N/A	
i) HOME	N/A	
Other Federal Grants (list below)	N/A	
2. Prior Year Federal Grants (unobligated funds only) (list below)	N/A	
3. Public Housing Dwelling Rental Income	N/A	
4. Other income (list below)	N/A	

Financial Resources: Planned Sources and Uses		
Sources	Planned \$	Planned Uses
4. Non-federal sources (list below)	N/A	
Total resources	\$1,132,518.	

3. PHA Policies Governing Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (c)]

A. Public Housing

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Federal Public Housing Program.

- e. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)

B. Section 8

Exemptions: PHAs that do not administer section 8 are not required to complete sub-component 3B. **Unless otherwise specified, all questions in this section apply only to the tenant-based section 8 assistance program (vouchers, and until completely merged into the voucher program, certificates).**

(1) Eligibility

- a. What is the extent of screening conducted by the PHA? (select all that apply)

- ☒ Criminal or drug-related activity only to the extent required by law or regulation
- ☐ Criminal and drug-related activity, more extensively than required by law or regulation
- ☐ More general screening than criminal and drug-related activity (list factors below)
- ☐ Other (list below)

- b. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from local law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- c. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA request criminal records from State law enforcement agencies for screening purposes?
- d. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA access FBI criminal records from the FBI for screening purposes? (either directly or through an NCIC-authorized source)
- e. Indicate what kinds of information you share with prospective landlords? (select all that apply)
- ☐ Criminal or drug-related activity
- ☐ Other (describe below)

(2) Waiting List Organization

- a. With which of the following program waiting lists is the section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting list merged? (select all that apply)
- ☒ None
- ☐ Federal public housing
- ☐ Federal moderate rehabilitation
- ☐ Federal project-based certificate program
- ☐ Other federal or local program (list below)
- b. Where may interested persons apply for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (select all that apply)
- ☒ PHA main administrative office
- ☐ Other (list below)

(3) Search Time

- a. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA give extensions on standard 60-day period to search for a unit?

If yes, state circumstances below:

1. Documented medical reasons or circumstances.
2. Evidence of substantial search.
3. If Request for Lease Approval which is awaiting upgrade to meet HQS & Mass State Sanitary Code Standards. Participant search period is extended to find another unit, if unit ultimately fails.

(4) Admissions Preferences

a. Income targeting

- ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA plan to exceed the federal targeting requirements by targeting more than 75% of all new admissions to the section 8 program to families at or below 30% of median area income?

b. Preferences

1. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Has the PHA established preferences for admission to section 8 tenant-based assistance? (other than date and time of application) (if no, skip to subcomponent **(5) Special purpose section 8 assistance programs**)
2. Which of the following admission preferences does the PHA plan to employ in the coming year? (select all that apply from either former Federal preferences or other preferences)

Former Federal preferences

- ☐ Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- ☐ Victims of domestic violence
- ☐ Substandard housing
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ High rent burden (rent is > 50 percent of income)

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- ☐ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans' families
- ☐ Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

3. If the PHA will employ admissions preferences, please prioritize by placing a "1" in the space that represents your first priority, a "2" in the box representing your second priority, and so on. If you give equal weight to one or more of these choices (either through an absolute hierarchy or through a point system), place the same number next to each. That means you can use "1" more than once, "2" more than once, etc.

Date and Time

Former Federal preferences

Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
Victims of domestic violence
Substandard housing
Homelessness
High rent burden

Other preferences (select all that apply)

- ☐ Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability
- ☐ Veterans and veterans' families
- ☐ Residents who live and/or work in your jurisdiction
- ☐ Those enrolled currently in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income goals (broad range of incomes)
- ☐ Households that contribute to meeting income requirements (targeting)
- ☐ Those previously enrolled in educational, training, or upward mobility programs
- ☐ Victims of reprisals or hate crimes
- ☐ Other preference(s) (list below)

4. Among applicants on the waiting list with equal preference status, how are applicants selected? (select one)

- ☐ Date and time of application
- ☐ Drawing (lottery) or other random choice technique

5. If the PHA plans to employ preferences for "residents who live and/or work in the jurisdiction" (select one)

- ☐ This preference has previously been reviewed and approved by HUD
- ☐ The PHA requests approval for this preference through this PHA Plan

6. Relationship of preferences to income targeting requirements: (select one)

- ☐ The PHA applies preferences within income tiers
- ☐ Not applicable: the pool of applicant families ensures that the PHA will meet income targeting requirements

(5) Special Purpose Section 8 Assistance Programs

As the MHA does not administer a Special Purpose Section 8 Program, this subcomponent is not applicable.

- a. In which documents or other reference materials are the policies governing eligibility, selection, and admissions to any special-purpose section 8 program administered by the PHA contained? (select all that apply)

- ☐ The Section 8 Administrative Plan
☐ Briefing sessions and written materials
☐ Other (list below)

- b. How does the PHA announce the availability of any special-purpose section 8 programs to the public?

- ☐ Through published notices
☐ Other (list below)

4. PHA Rent Determination Policies

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (d)]

A. Public Housing

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Federal Public Housing Program.

B. Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance

(1) Payment Standards

a. What is the PHA's payment standard? (select the category that best describes your standard)

- ☐ At or above 90% but below 100% of FMR
- ☐ 100% of FM
- ☒ Above 100% but at or below 110% of FMR
- ☐ Above 110% of FMR (if HUD approved; describe circumstances below)

b. If the payment standard is lower than FMR, why has the PHA selected this standard? (select all that apply)

- ☐ FMRs are adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- ☐ The PHA has chosen to serve additional families by lowering the payment standard
- ☐ Reflects market or submarket
- ☐ Other (list below)

c. If the payment standard is higher than FMR, why has the PHA chosen this level? (select all that apply)

- ☒ FMRs are not adequate to ensure success among assisted families in the PHA's segment of the FMR area
- ☒ Reflects market or submarket
- ☒ To increase housing options for families
- ☐ Other (list below)

d. How often are payment standards reevaluated for adequacy? (select one)

☒ Annually

e. What factors will the PHA consider in its assessment of the adequacy of its payment standard? (select all that apply)

- ☒ Success rates of assisted families ☐
☐ Rent burdens of assisted families
☐ Other (list below)

(2) Minimum Rent

a. What amount best reflects the PHA's minimum rent? (select one)

- ☐ \$0
☒ \$1-\$25
☐ \$26-\$50

b. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Has the PHA adopted any discretionary minimum rent hardship exemption policies? (if yes, list below)

5. Operations and Management

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (e)]

Exemptions from Component 5: High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this section. Section 8 only PHAs must complete parts A, B, and C(2)

A. PHA Management Structure

Describe the PHA's management structure and organization.

(select one)



An organization chart showing the PHA's management structure and organization is attached.

A brief description of the management structure and organization of the PHA follows:

B. HUD Programs Under PHA Management

List Federal programs administered by the PHA, number of families served at the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year, and expected turnover in each. (Use "NA" to indicate that the PHA does not operate any of the programs listed below.)

Program Name	Units or Families Served at Year Beginning	Expected Turnover
Public Housing	N/A	
Section 8 Vouchers	154	<5%
Section 8 Certificates	N/A	
Section 8 Mod Rehab	N/A	
Special Purpose Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers (list individually)	N/A	
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)	N/A	
Other Federal Programs(list individually)	N/A	

C. Management and Maintenance Policies

List the PHA's public housing management and maintenance policy documents, manuals and handbooks that contain the Agency's rules, standards, and policies that govern maintenance and management of public housing, including a description of any measures necessary for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (which includes cockroach infestation) and the policies governing Section 8 management.

(1) Public Housing Maintenance and Management: (list below)

Not Applicable to the MHA

(2) Section 8 Management: (list below)

Section 8 Administrative Plan

6. PHA Grievance Procedures

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (f)]

A. Public Housing

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Federal Public Housing Program.

7. Capital Improvement Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Federal Public Housing Program.

B. HOPE VI and Public Housing Development and Replacement Activities (Non-Capital Fund)

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Federal Public Housing Program.

8. Demolition and Disposition

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (h)]

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Federal Public Housing Program.

9. Designation of Public Housing for Occupancy by Elderly Families or Families with Disabilities or Elderly Families and Families with Disabilities

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (i)]

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Public Housing Program.

10. Conversion of Public Housing to Tenant-Based Assistance

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (j)]

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Federal Public Housing Program.

11. Homeownership Programs Administered by the PHA

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

A. Public Housing

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Public Housing Program.

B. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance

1. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If “No”, skip to component 12; if “yes”, describe each program using the table below (copy and complete questions for each program identified), unless the PHA is eligible to complete a streamlined submission due to high performer status. **High performing PHAs** may skip to component 12.)

2. Program Description:

a. Size of Program

- ☒ Yes ☐ No: Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the section 8 homeownership option?

If the answer to the question above was yes, which statement best describes the number of participants? (select one)

- ☒ 25 or fewer participants
☐ 26 - 50 participants
☐ 51 to 100 participants
☐ more than 100 participants

b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

- ☐ Yes ☒ No: Will the PHA’s program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria?

If yes, list criteria below:

12. PHA Community Service and Self-sufficiency Programs

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (l)]

Exemptions from Component 12: High performing and small PHAs are not required to complete this component. Section 8-Only PHAs are not required to complete sub-component C.

A. PHA Coordination with the Welfare (TANF) Agency

1. Cooperative agreements:

- ☐ Yes ☒ No: Has the PHA has entered into a cooperative agreement with the TANF Agency, to share information and/or target supportive services (as contemplated by section 12(d)(7) of the Housing Act of 1937)?

If yes, what was the date that agreement was signed? DD/MM/YY

2. Other coordination efforts between the PHA and TANF agency (select all that apply)

- ☐ Client referrals
- ☐ Information sharing regarding mutual clients (for rent determinations and otherwise)
- ☐ Coordinate the provision of specific social and self-sufficiency services and programs to eligible families
- ☐ Jointly administer programs
- ☐ Partner to administer a HUD Welfare-to-Work voucher program
- ☐ Joint administration of other demonstration program
- ☐ Other (describe)

B. Services and programs offered to residents and participants

(1) General

a. Self-Sufficiency Policies

Which, if any of the following discretionary policies will the PHA employ to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families in the following areas? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Public housing rent determination policies
- ☐ Public housing admissions policies
- ☐ Section 8 admissions policies
- ☐ Preference in admission to section 8 for certain public housing families
- ☐ Preferences for families working or engaging in training or education programs for non-housing programs operated or coordinated by the PHA
- ☐ Preference/eligibility for public housing homeownership option participation
- ☐ Preference/eligibility for section 8 homeownership option participation
- ☐ Other policies (list below)

b. Economic and Social self-sufficiency programs

- ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA coordinate, promote or provide any programs to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of residents? (If “yes”, complete the following table; if “no” skip to sub-component 2, Family Self Sufficiency Programs. The position of the table may be altered to facilitate its use.)

Services and Programs				
Program Name & Description (including location, if appropriate)	Estimated Size	Allocation Method (waiting list/random selection/specific criteria/other)	Access (development office / PHA main office / other provider name)	Eligibility (public housing or section 8 participants or both)

(2) Family Self Sufficiency program/s

a. Participation Description

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Participation		
Program	Required Number of Participants (start of FY 2000 Estimate)	Actual Number of Participants (As of: DD/MM/YY)
Public Housing	N/A	
Section 8	N/A	

- b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: If the PHA is not maintaining the minimum program size required by HUD, does the most recent FSS Action Plan address the steps the PHA plans to take to achieve at least the minimum program size?
If no, list steps the PHA will take below:

C. Welfare Benefit Reductions

1. The PHA is complying with the statutory requirements of section 12(d) of the U.S.Housing Act of 1937 (relating to the treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements) by: (select all that apply)
- ☐ Adopting appropriate changes to the PHA's public housing rent determination policies and train staff to carry out those policies
 - ☐ Informing residents of new policy on admission and reexamination
 - ☐ Actively notifying residents of new policy at times in addition to admission and reexamination.
 - ☐ Establishing or pursuing a cooperative agreement with all appropriate TANF agencies regarding the exchange of information and coordination of services
 - ☐ Establishing a protocol for exchange of information with all appropriate TANF agencies
 - ☐ Other: (list below)

D. Reserved for Community Service Requirement pursuant to section 12(c) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937
--

13. PHA Safety and Crime Prevention Measures

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (m)]

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Federal Public Housing Program.

14. RESERVED FOR PET POLICY

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (n)]

15. Civil Rights Certifications

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (o)]

Civil rights certifications are included in the PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations.

16. Fiscal Audit

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (p)]

1. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Is the PHA required to have an audit conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h))?
(If no, skip to component 17.)
2. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Was the most recent fiscal audit submitted to HUD?
3. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Were there any findings as the result of that audit?
4. ☐ Yes ☐ No: If there were any findings, do any remain unresolved?
If yes, how many unresolved findings remain? _____
5. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Have responses to any unresolved findings been submitted to HUD?
If not, when are they due (state below)? _____

17. PHA Asset Management

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (q)]

The Middleborough Housing Authority does not administer a Federal Public Housing Program

18. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

A. Resident Advisory Board Recommendations

1. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?
2. If yes, the comments are: (if comments were received, the PHA **MUST** select one)
☐ Attached at Attachment (File name)
☐ Provided below:
3. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)
☐ Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary.
☐ The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments
List changes below:
☐ Other: (list below)

B. Description of Election process for Residents on the PHA Board

1. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA meet the exemption criteria provided section 2(b)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937? (If no, continue to question 2; if yes, skip to sub-component C.)
2. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Was the resident who serves on the PHA Board elected by the residents? (If yes, continue to question 3; if no, skip to sub-component C.)
3. Description of Resident Election Process
 - a. Nomination of candidates for place on the ballot: (select all that apply)
☐ Candidates were nominated by resident and assisted family organizations
☐ Candidates could be nominated by any adult recipient of PHA assistance
☐ Self-nomination: Candidates registered with the PHA and requested a place on ballot
☐ Other: (describe)
 - b. Eligible candidates: (select one)
☐ Any recipient of PHA assistance
☐ Any head of household receiving PHA assistance
☐ Any adult recipient of PHA assistance
☐ Any adult member of a resident or assisted family organization
☐ Other (list)

c. Eligible voters: (select all that apply)

- ☐ All adult recipients of PHA assistance (public housing and section 8 tenant-based assistance)
- ☐ Representatives of all PHA resident and assisted family organizations
- ☐ Other (list)

C. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

For each applicable Consolidated Plan, make the following statement (copy questions as many times as necessary).

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: **State of Massachusetts**

2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)

- ☒ The PHA has based its statement of needs of families in the jurisdiction on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- ☒ The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- ☐ The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- ☐ Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)
- ☐ Other: (list below)

3. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

D. Other Information Required by HUD

Use this section to provide any additional information requested by HUD.

Attachments

Use this section to provide any additional attachments referenced in the Plans.

Attachment 1 – Table of Organization

Table of Organization
Middleborough Housing Authority



